

REMARKS

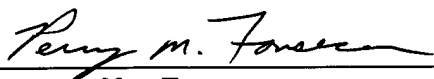
The undersigned attorney appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Tan V. Mai during a telephone discussion on Monday, January 10, 2004. During the discussion, several typographical and obvious errors in the claims were discussed. Examiner Mai agreed to enter the amendments as described herein.

As discussed, claims 5 and 12 have been amended to remove the mistaken phrase "and E is a gradient step for E."

Also as discussed, claim 10 has been restored to its original form. Claim 10 was mistakenly and incorrectly changed by the Amendment in response to the Office Action of March 31, 2004. In that amendment, the correct claim 10 was overwritten with the text of claim 11. This amendment corrects claim 10 to its original form.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-3839 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,


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